THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Popularisation of Ayurvedic/Homoeopathic System of Medicines

827. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any long-term measures are being taken by Government to popularize Ayurvedic/Homoeopathic System of Medicines under CGHS even after the functioning of 31-Ayurvedic/ 34 Homoeopathic Dispensaries/Units in Delhi and outside Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that CGHS Dispensaries/Units are situated at distant and scattered place where beneficiaries are unable to take the treatment of I.S.M.&H. system;

(d) if so, the future plan for expansion of this system; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA):

(a) and (b) To popularise ISM&H System of medicine under CGHS, certain proposals were considered from time to time for providing medical services to the CGHS beneficiaries subject to availability of manpower and resources.

(c) and (d) the CGHS Dispensaries/Units under ISM&H System are opened at the places as per the requirements of the CGHS beneficiaries based upon justification.

(e) In view of (c) and (d) above, the question does not arise.

Announcement of New Health Policy

828. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) where it is a fact that a new National Health Policy is being announced shortly;